DEWAN OF MYSORE.

DELHI,
29th January 1933.

MY DEAR SIR SAMUEL HOARE,

In the midst of your tremendous labours over the big questions involved in the working out of the Federal Constitution, you have always shown such a keen and sympathetic interest in the affairs of the several units that I feel that it is only right that I should send you a copy of a memorandum which I have just submitted to His Excellency the Viceroy, on behalf of His Highness the Maharaja, as the result of anxious discussions which have been taking place in Bangalore ever since my return. His Highness is very keen that you should realise that he has put forward his proposals for entering the Federation in no bargaining spirit, but feels that the time when the Constitution is being framed is the time when all matters appertaining to it must be definitely settled.

I am afraid I have already wearied you with reiteration of our case about the subsidy. We have won acceptance of our point of view everywhere in so far as it is admitted that a subsidy cannot rightly find a place in a Federal Constitution. That being conceded, it seems impossible to agree to a proposal that the existing subsidies should form part of the Constitution for a period in order to relieve the Government of India of certain financial difficulties. The Provincial Contributions did more than anything else render the Montague Reforms unpopular, and such a provision would mean repeating the policy of the Provincial Contributions with even less justification than existed in that case.

As regards the Assigned Tract, I think, I am right in saying that no definite proposals relating to the future of this and similar areas have yet been formulated, though Mr. Zafurulla Khan did emphasise at the Conference that the Government of India ought to divest itself of all centrally administered areas except the Delhi Province. Our own examination of the subject tends to show that, in the case of Bangalore at any rate, there is no practicable alternative to the retrocession of jurisdiction and the establishment of a regular cantonment. After the visit of the Davidson Committee, we asked the Government of India, on the advice of some of their members, to appoint an *ad hoc* Committee to examine the question. We have just been met with a curt refusal, of which I enclose a copy. This seems to leave no course open to us but to press for retrocession as a condition of entering the Federation.

I must apologise for writing to you at this length, but His Highness the Maharaja is very anxious that you should understand

his position, and should realise that he is as keen as ever he was to enter the Federation, but feels that the two matters to which I have referred are matters which must be settled before he can do so and which cannot be left over for consideration under different conditions and by different parties to the contract.

I hope you will not trouble to reply to this letter, which is sent to you merely for your information.

Yours sincerely,
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